Task Force for Agricultural and non-Agricultural Sectors

3341. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to set up a task force to look into the problems relating to the terms of trade between the Agricultural and Non-agricultural sectors in its entirely;

(b) if so, what are the details of the composition of the task force and the terms of reference;

(c) what are the main factors responsible for setting up the task force; and

(d) by when it is likely to submit its report?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) The Government have set up a task force on Terms of Trade between Agricultural and Non-Agricultural sectors.

(b) The details of the composition and terms of reference of the Task Force are given in the Statement (*See* below.)

(c) The Task Force has been set up pursuance to a recommendation of the Expert Committee for Review of Methodology of Cost of Production of crops under the Chairmanship of Prof. Hanumantha Rao.

(d) The Task Force is likely to submit its report in six months' time.

Statement

1. *Composition of the task force in terms of trade between agricultural and non-agricultural sectors*

The composition of the Task Force on Terms of Trade between agricultural and non-agricultural sectors is as follows:—

1.	Dr. A.S. Kahlon, Former Chairman, CACP, 17-D, Sarabha Nagar, Ludhiana.	Chairman
2.	Chairman, Commission for Agricultural Costs & Prices, New Delhi.	Member
3.	Adviser, Agriculture Division, Planning Commission, New Delhi	Member
4.	Economic Adviser, Ministry of Industry, New Delhi	Member
5.	Economic Adviser, Deptt. of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance, New Delhi.	Member
6.	Economic and Statistical Adviser, Directorate of Economics & Statistics, Ministry of Agriculture, New Delhi.	Member
7.	Economic Adviser, Ministry of Commerce, New Delhi.	Member
8.	Director, Prices & Cost of Living Division, Central Statistical Orgn., New Delhi.	Member
9.	Chief Executive Officer, National Sample Survey Orgn., New Delhi.	Member
10.	Director, Labour Bureau, Shimla.	Member
11.	Shri T. R. Venkatachalam, Principal Adviser, Deptt. of Statistical Analysis and Computer Services, Reserve Bank of India, Bombay.	Member

12. Dr. Prem Vashishtha, Associate Director, N.C.A.E.R., New Delhi. . Member

13. Dr. B. L. Mungekar, Department of Economics, University of Bombay, Bombay . . . . . Member

14. Dr. M. S. Bhatia, Additional Economic Adviser, Directorate of Economics & Statistics, Ministry of Agriculture . . . . Member Secertary

2. *Terms of reference of task force*

The terms of reference of the Task Force are as follows:- -

(i) To look into the problem relating to terms of trade between agricultural and non-agricultural sectors in its entirety.

(ii) To evolve or develop appropriate index numbers of terms of trade reflecting parity between the prices received and prices paid by the farmers both for domestic and farra expenses.

(iii) To identify the items including the farm inputs and for domestic consumption purchases by the farmers and output mix sold by the farmers and assigning the appropriate weight to each of the item.

(iv) To identify the centres markets, commodities and varieties for which price quotations may be taken used for construction of parity index.

(v) To decide about nature and sources of price data, periodicity of price etc., to be used.

(vi) To suggest appropriate base year for construction of index of terms of trade between agricultural and non-agricultural sectors.

(viii) To make any other suggestions relating to construction of index numbers of terms of trade between agricultural and non-agricultural sector.

Increase in Milk and Dairy products

3342. SHRI BISHAMBHAR NATH PANDE:

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that milk and dairy products output in the country increased by four percent during 1992-93;

(b) whether it is also a fact that their diversion from cooperative to private sector resulted in their higher prices; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Government has not received any such report in this regard.